(*e*) (i) The compulsory and timely destruction of the borer-affected coffee plants, allowed to remain mixed up with healthy ones or thrown about in the estates or by the road side. This measure saved lakhs of healthy plants from the ravage of the Borer pest.

(ii) In addition to the above measure, advice and help were rendered to the planters in other borer control methods, *viz.*, scrubbing of the plant stems, hand-picking of the borer beetles and application of tar emulsion stem washes.

(iii) Large numbers of departmental circulars in Kannada and English with regard to the borer control methods to be adopted by the planters were distributed among the planters.

Capital Outlay on Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway.

Q.—30. **Mr. B. A. SAMPATH** (Hassan Municipality) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the capital outlay on Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the capital cost has been raised by shares;

(*c*) whether they are aware that 4 per cent interest is being paid on the said share capital;

(*d*) whether it is not in conformity with the guarantee afforded by Government;

(*e*) whether it is possible to pay 4 per cent out of the income derived from this Railway?

A.—**The FINANCIAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT.**—

(*a*) Rs. 16,23,301 to the end of 1937-38.

(*b*) Yes. Partly (Rs. 6,95,766).

(*c*) Yes, till 1945.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Feeder Channel from Sathehalla to Konanur Doddakere.

Q.—31. **Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH** (Arkalgud Taluk) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether survey operations have been finished and estimates prepared for the construction of a feeder channel from Satehalla to Konanur Doddakere as promised by Government in reply to Question No. 27 of October Session of 1937;

(*b*) if survey is completed, the estimated cost therefor;

(*c*) whether the details of this survey and the plan and estimate can be placed on the table of this House?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**

(*a*) Survey work has been completed. Plans and estimates are under preparation.

(*b*) The estimate is not yet ready.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) above.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Has the survey for the entire project been completed?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—What is the extent of land which the project is expected to benefit?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The survey has just been completed. Details can be known only after the preparation of the estimate.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—There are 4 or 5 minor tanks on the way. Has any survey been conducted for the improvement of those tanks also?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No separate survey is necessary. Tanks on the way will be improved in the usual course.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—If that is so, I am thankful. Otherwise, may I specially plead that Government provide for the improvement of those minor tanks also as part of this project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes. This will be seen to.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—During the recent visit of the Second Member of Council, people of the localities concerned represented to him that 40 to 50 villages would be benefited by this project, and that they would be prepared to give a contribution of Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 50,000. Will the Government be pleased to sanction the project in view of those representations? Secondly, are the Government aware that the gauging station connected with this scheme was built after all the rains were over?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I am not aware of the second point referred to. But I shall do what I can when the papers come before me.

Lakkavalli Project.

Q.—34. Mr. Patel BASAPPA (Shimoga Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the estimated cost of the Lakkavalli Project;

(*b*) the amount spent for surveying in connection with the scheme;

(*c*) the extent of land expected to be irrigated in each of the taluks according to the survey estimate?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) The project as at present contemplated is likely to cost about Rs. 222 lakhs.

(*b*) The expenditure to end of June 1938 is Rs. 1,46,364.

(*c*) Please see statement appended. (*Vide* Appendix)

Ganja Smuggling.

Q.—35. Mr. B. R. CHANDRASEKHARIAH (Shimoga Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that reference to Mysore *ganja* has been made in the report relating to the prohibitory activities submitted to the Madras Government by Mr. Dixon, I.C.S. Collector of Salem (published in *the Hindu*, dated 20th July 1938);

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by the Government to prevent the smuggling of Mysore *ganja* into Salem District;

(*c*) the total quantity of *ganja* sold during the last nine months, *i.e.*, from 1st October 1937 to 30th June 1938, in—

(i) Bangalore City.
(ii) Bangalore District,
(iii) the whole of Mysore State;

(*d*) similarly, the total quantity of *ganja* sold from 1st October 1936 to 30th June 1937 in—

(i) Bangalore City,
(ii) Bangalore District,
(iii) the whole of Mysore State;

(*e*) the places in Mysore State where *ganja* is grown and the quantity and value of *ganja* produced from 1st October 1937 to 30th June 1938;

(*f*) similarly, from 1st October 1936 to 30th June 1937;

(*g*) as indicated in Mr. Dixon's report, whether the Government of Madras or the Collector of Salem have sought the co-operation of the Mysore Government in the matter?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao).

(*a*) Yes. (*Vide* letter No. Fl. 989, dated the 23rd August 1938, from the Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department.)

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) 534 seers, (ii) 1,629 seers, (iii) 7,155 seers.

(*d*) (i) 523 seers, (ii) 1,475 seers, (iii) 6,634 seers.

(*e*) Only in the Goribidnur Taluk. No *ganja* was produced during the period referred to.

(*f*) 416 maunds. Price paid to the licence, Rs. 13,490.

Value including duty and price at Rs. 27-8-0 *plus* Rs. 2 per seer of 80 tolas, Rs. 4,90,880.

(*g*) Yes.

Power Generation at Jog.

Q.—36. Mr. B. R. CHANDRASEKHARIAH (Shimoga Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—